

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
January 18, 2010
New Berlin City Hall Common Council Chambers
3805 S Casper Drive

Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved by the Board of Public Works at their next regular scheduled meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 AM.

Members Present: Mayor Jack Chiovatero, Alderman Ament, John Graber, Alderman Seidl, Alderman Wysocki

Staff Present: J. P. Walker, City Engineer, Ron Schildt, Division Engineer Transportation and Tammy Simonson, Senior Civil Engineer.

Privilege of the Floor: No participants so the meeting was called to order.

OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 01-10 Approval of Minutes from November 16, 2009 meeting.

Motion by Alderman Seidl.
2nd by John Graber.

John Graber asked that his name be removed the second time from the members present.

Upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 01-10 (cont'd) Approval of Minutes from December 17, 2009 Special meeting.

Motion by Alderman Seidl.
2nd by John Graber.

John Graber asked that his name be added to those present in the minutes for December 17th.

Upon voting the motion passed unanimously with Mayor Chiovatero and Alderman Wysocki voting present.

ITEM 22-09 Update, Discussion & Possible Action on Calhoun Road Alternative 2009-A

JP Walker presented a brief update that Staff is expecting the plans, bidding documents and contract document drafts to be on our desk this week for review and that will lead to finalization of those documents and getting ready for the bidding of the project.

Alderman Wysocki asked if we were still on the same time line as based on the last report.

JP Walker said that as far as he knows, yes we are.

Alderman Ament said that he has a question about the railroad tracks. The railroad repaired the tracks and they put some asphalt on both sides, I assume that is in their right-of-way. When we do that rehab do we go into that asphalt area or aren't we allowed to do that?

JP Walker said that was clarified at the hearing before the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads. We are allowed to go right up to the actual concrete crossing to make whatever repairs in the asphalt that we need to do. That makes sense otherwise you would have a potential crack that would form there.

Alderman Ament said that's good because even now whatever repair they did that seems to be lifting, probably due to the weather, but we are back to having where you drop down over the tracks.

Alderman Ament also stated that the January 21st meeting has been canceled.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 01-10 Approval of Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Town of Waukesha for the Rehabilitation of Springdale Road

JP Walker indicated that the Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Town of Waukesha for the rehabilitation of Springdale Road had been reviewed and approved by the Town Board on December 10, 2009. The rehabilitation will be the same as that which we have been doing the last couple of years on our other roads including an overlay, installing GlasGrid, making repairs where we need to, and replacing culverts where they are needed. The estimated costs associated with that work are attached to the back of the Inter-Municipal Agreement as Exhibit B. The costs are estimated at about approximately \$260,600.00, resulting in a cost share of approximately \$130,000 between New Berlin and the Town of Waukesha. In 2009 the Town, per agreement with me, went ahead and rehabilitated that portion of Springdale Road north of Greenfield Avenue with the understanding that they would receive a credit on their half of the southern part of Springdale Road. Items 5 & 6 in the Staff Report show the breakdown of what would be paid if the cost came in at exactly the amount that was estimated. The Town's share would be approximately \$115,000 and the City's share would be approximately \$145,000. The difference is the \$14,711.76, which is the half of the costs for rehabilitating the northern half. This Agreement also talks about the repair and maintenance of Springdale Road which is the same as the existing maintenance agreement that we have with the Town of Waukesha.

Alderman Ament said that the only thing that he picked up was at the end of this on the agreement is Marilyn Gauger & Mike Holzinger has to be adjusted.

Alderman Wysocki said that currently he thinks those lanes are 10' wide? Will they be made to 12'?

JP Walker said that isn't our intent, we aren't widening the road.

Alderman Wysocki asked what about the intersection of Lincoln and Springdale. Are there any improvements there, with the trucks turning there it is dangerous, they can't make those turns without going into the oncoming lanes. Is there any work that is going to be done on those intersections?

JP Walker indicated that Staff can take a look at that.

Alderman Wysocki said that a lot of people have contacted him about it. We have a number of businesses along Springdale as well as the mail truck often takes that route. I would ask that you look at that. In our standard that is basically a truck route that we have approved in our 2035 plan and I think a 10' wide lane on an improved truck route is not the best thing.

John Graber said that he thinks we would run into a right-of-way problem. I think those are at best 49 ½ foot right-of-ways. I agree that 10' is insufficient for truck traffic and difficult for autos at best I don't think we want to get into purchasing right-of-way in all the time that would be necessary for that.

JP Walker said that the width will be listed in our PASER reports so we can check on that.

Alderman Ament said that if we go ahead and approve this if we need to make any adjustments we can deal with that separately because I would assume we don't want to hold this up.

JP Walker said again this is a rehab project, if we can widen the radii to make it so that the semi's can maneuver it easily that would just be part of the rehab. It make take a little bit of extra work. We will take a look at that.

Alderman Ament said that he would imagine that if we are able to and we did decide to do that it would affect the pricing in this agreement.

Alderman Seidl made the motion to approve.

Mayor Chiovero 2nd the motion.

John Graber asked where does the section corner fall relative to the railroad tracks. Is that in the railroad right-of-way? The monument that would be at that quarter corner, the west side of the City. There is one there and I remember that that had been a question about that. We have to make sure when we are redoing that section of pavement that we don't obliterate it.

JP Walker said that he believes that there is one at Lincoln also.

John Graber said that there should be one at Lincoln but that location is fixed; there was a question about the location at the tracks. The next question is under the first and second page under Paragraph 2, Public Bids. There is Springdale Road north of Greenfield, Town of Waukesha is going to do that and they have three working days from the bid opening to terminate the Agreement and we have ten working days. I would have thought it would have been the same but you said Waukesha has already done theirs so in theory we could revise that contract but it doesn't really make a lot of sense because the work has already been done. This is in effect going to replace the current contract that we have.

Alderman Wysocki said that he still has concerns about road widths and intersection improvements at Lincoln Avenue. We will be investing substantial money on this rehab and if Staff would please insure that they are at least 12'. I really think it should be a component of this project.

Alderman Ament asked if they tabled this if it would hold anything up.

JP Walker said no, because this we aren't going to bid this project until March or April and you won't see any work out there until at least the last part of May.

Alderman Wysocki made the motion to table this item.

Alderman Ament 2nd the motion.

Alderman Ament said that will give them an opportunity to look at the item that Mr. Graber brought up and make sure to clean up that language.

John Graber said I don't want to go back since they have signed the agreement my question was more between the 3 and 10 days. It's already been done. Regarding Alderman Wysocki's comments I totally agree that it should be as wide of radii but just as strongly I feel that we don't want to hold this project back for a right-of-way acquisition. Make it as wide as we can within the right-of-way. I don't want to get into the issue of having to negotiate with the residents for right-of-way acquisition.

Alderman Ament said that if it isn't going to be held up by tabling it we can get that information and then by the next meeting we will know what kind of decisions we do or don't have to make.

Upon voting the motion to table passed unanimously.

**Alderman Seidl made the motion to adjourn.
Mayor Chiovatero 2nd the motion.
Upon voting the motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21.